

**Floor Statement of Rep. Henry A. Waxman**  
**Safe Climate Caucus**  
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Mr. Speaker, on Friday the world's best scientists rendered a conclusive verdict that climate change is real, it is caused by human activity, and its consequences will be catastrophic.

What the scientists are telling us is that evidence is now just as strong that carbon pollution is causing climate change as is the claim that cigarettes cause cancer. They are sounding the fire alarm and the President is sending in the fire parties: EPA, the Energy Department, Interior, and the State Department. They're all working to bring down emissions and protect this planet.

But here in Congress, House Republicans are denying the science and ignoring the scientists. They are living in a fantasy land and drafting bills to tie the hands of the rescue squad.

This is willful ignorance; it is endangering the world our children and future generations will inherit. This is wrong; it's immoral. We must not become the last bastion of the flat earth society. We need to act and we need to act now.